NYONEL Membership 681. We can get to 750!

Last month we announced a membership drive in order to boost our membership numbers to help NYONEL achieve its mission and reach the far corners of the state with advocacy and education efforts. The region attaining the highest percent of new members between now and September 30 will receive fabulous prizes!

Since the announcement we have reached 681 members, which includes 127 new members and 22 renewals. That’s the good news. The bad news is that there are currently 400 membership expirations. That number includes 9 July non-renewals, 15 from June, 11 from May and 21 from April. Had we retained those members we would be well over 700 members now, and approaching our goal.

Within your regions, you can help keep members current by sharing membership lists at your region events, and pointing out approaching expiration dates. Bring a laptop to region meetings and meetings within your organizations, and offer immediate renewal to anyone whose expiration date is close. Pending expiration notices are sent starting at 60 days. So when you receive one, click the link and renew right away to assure your membership remains current and you don’t miss NYONEL communications.

Every NYONEL member is encouraged to bring on a new member.

Why should individuals join NYONEL? Reasons include leadership development and networking opportunities at the state and region levels, being part of effective collaboration between academia and practice, and being a strong, unified nursing voice in influencing health care and the overall health of the communities we serve within New York State. Current and prospective members can click here to learn more and join: https://nyonel.nursingnetwork.com/page/57921-why-join-nyonel

September 12th Safe Staffing Summit planned

NYONEL is holding a Safe Staffing Summit on Wednesday, September 12 at HANYS outside Albany. This program has been created in response to the mandatory RN staffing ratios and reporting legislation that is looming. The bill includes set minimum 24x7 RN staffing numbers for every type of hospital unit and for nursing homes. It is flawed in many respects, the most glaring being that it assumes every patient, hospital, nurse and shift are the same. Nothing could be further from the truth. It does not take into account the many factors that are considered in establishing staffing plans, or the ANA Principles for Nurse Staffing, a longstanding guide for nurse leaders. Additionally, it will not be affordable for New York State hospitals and nursing homes.

We are thrilled that nationally renowned nursing workforce expert Peter Buerhaus will be on hand for the summit, to share his perspectives on mandated RN ratios. Also on the agenda are: Pat McFarland, CEO Emeritus of the Association of California Nurse Leaders, who will discuss California’s experience since 2004 when RN ratios were first legislated; our HANYS Government Affairs colleagues; our New Jersey ONL colleagues and two NYONEL member CNOs who will share their safe staffing exemplars.

NYONEL Leadership feels that it is important to provide our members additional information about the legislation, perspective from partner organizations and around the country, and thoughts about alternate approaches to government-mandated ratios. All will be part of the summit. The full agenda and event details can be found here: https://nyonel.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/96241-september-summit-safe-nurse-staffing-always#linfo. Seats for the conference are extremely limited, so register early.
October Leadership Development conference planned – Save the Date!
NYONEL is working in conjunction with Nursing Consulting Partners to finalize plans for a day-long leadership development conference. Identical sessions will be presented in two locations, on two consecutive days, to enable NYONEL members and colleagues from throughout the state to choose the site that minimizes their travel time: Monday, October 15 at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown, and Tuesday, October 16 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. Topics include skill development in creating a professional practice environment, nursing peer review, inter-professional governance and professional advocacy.
Content is designed for nurse leaders at all levels and in all practice environments, including aspiring leaders. Member registration is $325 and non-member registration – which includes a 6-month trial NYONEL membership – is $375. Watch for an announcement and registration information which will be released this week. The NYONEL Board of Directors is pleased to provide this valuable leadership development offering to our members and their colleagues.

Reminder: Applications open for 2019 McClure Scholarships
In 2019 the NYONEL Board of Directors will again grant $10,000 for scholarship awards. Following is a letter from a grateful scholarship recipient that speaks to the value of this benefit that’s available to NYONEL members who meet criteria:

If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. - Isaac Newton

Dear NYONEL Colleagues,
In March 2018, I was honored to receive the Margaret McClure Scholarship at NYONEL’s Annual Meeting. Being the recipient of this award was a high point in my doctoral journey. Not only did the scholarship convey a generous momentary award, but it also signified the commitment of one of Nursing’s Living Legends, Dr. McClure, to the ongoing education of nurse executives and emerging leaders. Dr. McClure is known for her significant contributions as a scholar and leader, as well as her ongoing mission of promoting excellence in nursing and healthcare. To receive this scholarship, which was established by such a dynamic and visionary nurse leader, was a humbling experience.

I believe that receiving this scholarship was a tangible acknowledgement that the NYONEL community wanted me to be successful in my studies. This was an uplifting realization, although not an unexpected one, when you consider NYONEL’s mission: “To engage, inspire and advance the practice of NY nurses and emerging leaders.” Being part of an organization such as NYONEL provides unparalleled access to New York State nursing mentors, experts, and colleagues who can help during your educational journey. The vision of NYONEL is realized by helping the individual to develop professionally and advance academically, which ultimately contributes to the future advancement of patient care and the profession itself.
As nurse executives and leaders, we serve as role models for our staff and peers. One way we can do that is by pursuing advanced degrees and continuing education opportunities. Returning to school as an adult learner is not easy. Aside from the financial implications of that decision, there are other considerations such as the impact on one’s family and being able to strike a balance between all aspects of life. However, it can be done, especially when you have the support of an organization such as NYONEL.
Dr. Kimberly Glassman, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at NYU Langone Health (and also a member of my dissertation committee!) encouraged me to apply for the Margaret McClure Scholarship for NYONEL members. Now I am encouraging YOU to apply! I personally found it very empowering to reflect on my educational journey and outline my future goals while writing my application essay. When you look at how far you have come, and envision how far you can go, it is an energizing and exciting experience!
Best of luck with your ongoing studies and with your Dr. Margaret McClure Scholarship application. I hope to see you in March 2019 at the Annual Meeting.
Sincerely yours,
Jennifer Withall, MS, RN, ACNS, PCCN, ONC, PhD Candidate

Awards will be presented at the March, 2019 NYONEL Annual Meeting in Tarrytown.

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Rachelle Stevens - new NYONEL Best Practices Committee Chair
FLONEL member Rachelle Stevens has been a nurse for 11 years. She graduated from St. John Fisher with a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing and later pursued a Master’s in Business with a focus on Medical Management from the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester. She is currently a nurse director at Rochester General Hospital for acute medical & surgical units, IV/PICC services and also supports the cancer center and inpatient dialysis. Rachelle is passionate about patient care, supporting nurses and advancing the nursing profession. She is excited about the opportunity to lead the Best Practices Committee in the important work of recognizing NYONEL members’ innovative practices. Rachelle succeeds WNYONEL member Cheri Gajewski, who had chaired the committee for four years. Thank you, Cheri, for your contributions!

Certification achievement
Congratulations to FLONEL member Sheila Rogers, MA, BSN, RN-BC who received ANCC Certification in Gerontology on June 11, 2018. Sheila is the Hudson Team Home Care Manager at ElderONE, part of Rochester Regional Health.

NYONEL member in the news
NYONEL Member Maureen Scanlan, MSN, RN, NEA-BC recently shared her thoughtful expert perspectives on BS in 10 in Health Leaders Media. If you missed the announcement it can be found here: https://nyonel.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-news/122951-nyonel-member-maureen-scanlan-msn-rn-nea-bc-shares-her-perspectives-on-bs-in-10-in-health-leaders-media

New Hospital Regulations Governing Care of Substance Use Disorder Patients
As reported in the July 13th HANYS Member Update, new regulations have been established, requiring hospitals to identify, assess, and refer individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs). The full text of the regulations is available online.

The new requirements were included in a package of bills the State Legislature passed in 2016, in response to the opioid crisis. HANYS and other stakeholders advocated that the proposed rules be consistent with the language in the statute, as facilities had already begun to implement the requirements. DOH was responsive to this request.
State agencies are drafting a "Dear Administrator Letter" that will include educational materials referenced in the regulations, which hospitals will be required to provide to patients upon discharge.

Nurses Building Healthier Communities – Starting with Nurses
The Action Coalition includes building healthier communities as one of its imperatives. The following is a great example of improving health, starting with the health of those delivering the care.
A 60-day pilot initiative at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is offering healthier eating options in an effort to help the 2,250 nurses at Medical University Hospital focus on their own well-being. A
survey found 75% of MUSC nurses said they put their patients' health ahead of their own. Read the entire story at this link: https://www.postandcourier.com/health/musc-offers-healthier-options-in-cafeteria-targeting-nurses-health/article_e2b2a018-85c9-11e8-aaf6b-0ff75db3fa7e.html

ANA Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Core Principles on Connected Health
The first ANA Core Principles on Telehealth was published in 1999 by an interdisciplinary group of experts. Since January 2018, a steering committee and an advisory committee have been working to revise the principles to better reflect today’s connected health practice and to ensure relevance of the principles into the future. The draft revised principles are intended to protect clients receiving health care services using connected health technologies, to give health care professionals a foundation, and to provide a basis for review of professional standards, clinical standards, and the need for connected health guidelines by professions and government agencies. Review the document and submit your comments. The deadline for comments is 5 p.m. PT, Sept. 10. You do not have to be an ANA member to comment.

Last Call for AONE 2019 Annual Meeting Abstracts
Let’s have a great showing from NYONEL at the AONE 2019 Annual Meeting April 10-13 in San Diego! Click the link to find out more about the requested topics and requirements, and to submit an abstract. The deadline is this Friday, August 24th. http://www.aone.org/annual-meeting/abstracts.shtml

Calling on CNSs to Participate in Workforce Data Collection
The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) has opened its third biennial census of Clinical Nurse Specialists – the 2018 CNS Census. Data collected will be used to inform policy and practice agendas. It is the only source of workforce data on the CNS. The 2018 CNS census is an online survey designed to identify CNSs or individuals who were, or are being educated as CNSs. The deadline for completing the survey is Dec. 31. See results of the previous surveys on the NACNS website.

Joint Commission updates Available on NYONEL Website
We have received much positive feedback about the new NYONEL website. It has already proven to be a great tool in providing our members enhanced communication, improving our professional look, and attracting followers and new members. One of the benefits of the site is a “Resources and Links” page that includes links to several websites including The Joint Commission https://www.jointcommission.org/ and the Joint Commission Resources https://www.jcrinc.com/ sites. In the past we regularly posted periodic updates from these two sites. You now have the most current information from both at your fingertips. Take a look at the Resources and Links page https://nyonel.nursingnetwork.com/page/66821-resources-and-links for direct links to other popular sites that might assist you with your work or your studies. If there are other sites you would be interested in adding to the Resources and Links page, “Contact Us” via the website and pass along the suggestion.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROMPTLY TO RETAIN COMMUNICATION WITH NYONEL. KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES! You can update your membership information or contact us through the website https://nyonel.nursingnetwork.com/contact.

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